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SUBJECT: VISIT BY REPRESENTATIVES OF US-ARAB CHAMBER
OF COMMERCE

1. C. LAWRENCE RUDDICK, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT US-ARAB CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, CALLED ON AF (BLAKE) FEBRUARY 14 TO INFORM DEPARTMENT OF PLANNED VISIT TO KHARTOUM OF THREE-MEMBER DELEGATION FROM CHAMBER INTERESTED IN POSSIBLE IDENTIFICATION OF INVESTMENT AND TRADE OPPORTUNITIES FOR AMERICAN FIRMS. DELEGATION WILL BE HEADED BY ANSBERT SKINA, PRESIDENT OF CHAMBER, AND WILL INCLUDE IN ADDITION TO RUDDICK EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CHAMBER, MOHAMMED BAGHAL (JORDANIAN NATIONAL). DELEGATION MAKING ITS OWN TRAVEL, HOTEL ARRANGEMENTS AND APPOINTMENTS, BUT WOULD APPRECIATE OPPORTUNITY MAKE COURTESY CALL ON EMBASSY. DELEGATION PLANS ARRIVE KHARTOUM FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, BY AIR 0705 AND LEAVE FEBRUARY 24 AT 0715 TO CONTINUE TRIP TO MIDDLE EAST. WILL STAY HOTEL SUDAN WHILE IN KHARTOUM.

2. IN RESPONSE TO RUDDICK'S REQUEST, BLAKE BRIEFED HIM ON CURRENT STATUS US-SUDANESE RELATIONS IN POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC AREAS AND DESCRIBED POLICY GUIDELINES, WITH WHICH EMBASSY FAMILIAR, GOVERNING THOSE RELATIONS. INGERSOLL

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